

Question for written answer E-004014/2022

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 138

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Subject: EU action to extradite Shabbir Abbas, wanted in Italy for the murder of his daughter, Saman Abbas

On 15 November 2022, Shabbir Abbas – wanted in Italy for the murder of his daughter Saman Abbas who was trying to escape an arranged marriage – was arrested in Pakistan, where he had fled with his wife after his daughter disappeared on 30 April 2021. Following his arrest there, the Italian authorities requested that Shabbir Abbas be extradited. According to press reports, the Ambassador of Pakistan to Italy, Jauhar Saleem, has said that the request to extradite Saman Abbas' parents has been approved 'in principle' but just how and when the extradition will take place remains unclear.

In view of this, and since this crime took place on the territory of the EU, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following questions:

1. Does he not feel that the EU Delegation in Islamabad should support the Italian authorities in their request to immediately extradite Shabbir Abbas?
2. Does he not feel that the EU, as a champion of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law, must cooperate with Italy to facilitate the extradition to Italy of the perpetrator of this crime, the victim of which opposed the forced marriage organised by his family?

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